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System with Vertically-Stacked
Process Chambers and Single-Axis
Dual Wafer Transfer System**

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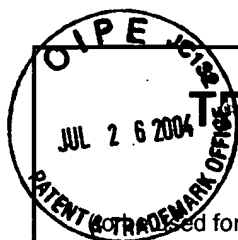
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In response to the Final Office Action dated April 22, 2004, Applicant submits the following amendments to the Claims and Remarks.

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